

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF USTEL, INC. FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE TO RESELL)	CASE NO. 96-102
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE)	

O R D E R

On March 19, 1996, UStel, Inc. ("UStel") filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services as a reseller within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

UStel is a Minnesota corporation proposing to resell the services of carriers currently certified within the Commonwealth of Kentucky in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in its tariff. UStel does not seek authority to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

UStel employs no intrastate transmission or reception telecommunications equipment or facilities in the performance of its services, and all intrastate facilities, equipment, and networking will be provided by the underlying carrier. UStel will not construct any new facilities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The information provided by UStel demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications service. The proposed rates filed March 19, 1996, as revised by UStel on April 4, 1996, should be approved as the fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged.

In Administrative Case No. 306,¹ the Commission stated the importance of eliminating possible customer confusion arising from the name of the billing service, rather than the name of the provider of telecommunications services, appearing on the bill. Accordingly, UStel should ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.

The Commission, having considered the application, the information provided by UStel, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

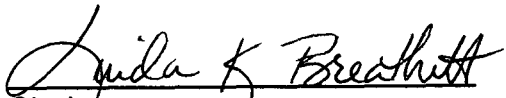
1. UStel be and it hereby is granted authority to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.
2. UStel shall comply with the provisions of the Orders in Administrative Case No. 323.²
3. UStel shall ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.
4. UStel's authority to provide service in this Commonwealth is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and in UStel's application.
5. The rates and charges proposed by UStel are hereby approved as filed on March 19, 1996 and as revised on April 4, 1996.
6. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, UStel shall file its tariff sheets in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011.


¹ Administrative Case No. 306, Detariffing Billing and Collection Services, Order dated April 30, 1990.

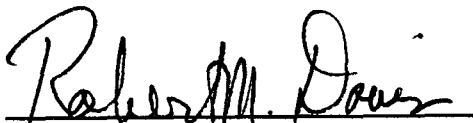
² Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme for Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, and WATS Jurisdictionality.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of June, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director